AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

ON

COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE
The Government of the State of Israel and The Government of the Republic of Croatia (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"),

Striving to promote the existing friendly relations between the two countries;

Being aware of the importance of agriculture with regards to their social and economic growth;

Having in mind interest to foster the mutual cooperation in the field of agriculture and related industries;

Perceiving benefits pertaining from such cooperation;

Have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

**PURPOSE**

By this Agreement, the Parties shall define principles and modalities of mutual cooperation in the field of agriculture.

**ARTICLE 2**

**COMPETENT AUTHORITIES**

For the purpose of implementation of this Agreement, the Competent Authorities shall be:

1. On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Croatia, the Ministry of Agriculture, and
2. On behalf of the Government of the State of Israel, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

**ARTICLE 3**

**AREAS OF COOPERATION**

The Parties shall promote exchange of information and know-how and will encourage joint cooperation in the following areas:
1. Fruit and vegetables (Plant) production: introduction of new and preserving (maintaining) of traditional varieties and, sharing of know – how on various technics of production, post-harvest and storage technologies;

2. Plant protection: plant protection in the sustainable agriculture system, integrated pest management practices, plant quarantine, biochemistry and molecular biology;

3. Animal production: sharing know - how and knowledge on advanced production, management and feeding practices in all aspects of animal production sectors;

4. Exchange of know –how on Research and Development related activities-mainly in the field of biotechnology, genetics and preservation of biodiversity of plant and farms genetic resources;

5. Soil preservation and water resources management: technologies for efficient irrigation and water use management in crop production (cereals and vegetable), advanced soil management practices;

6. Landscape heritage evaluation and preservation;

7. Socioeconomic and marketing analyses of agriculture, competitiveness of agriculture in domestic and international markets;

8. Any other related forms and areas of cooperation as agreed upon by the Parties with the aim to promote agricultural development of both countries.

**ARTICLE 4**

**JOINT COMMISSION**

With a purpose to monitor the implementation of this Agreement, relating programs and activities pertaining from this Agreement, the Parties shall establish a Joint Commission.

The Joint Commission shall draw up annual cooperation programs for activities foreseen by this Agreement and shall perform implementation control.

**ARTICLE 5**

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

1. Each Party shall ensure legal means for the protection of intellectual property rights resulting from any activity in pursuance to this Agreement, in accordance with the national legislations of the Parties.
2. Intellectual Property Rights, which shall result from joint activity in pursuance to this Agreement, shall be allocated and governed in accordance with separate agreements to be made on a case-by-case basis.

3. No Party shall transmit any commercially valuable confidential information obtained in pursuance of this Agreement, which information has been clearly marked as being "confidential", to any third party without written consent of the Party from which such information was received.

ARTICLE 6

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

The Parties shall discuss the financial obligations of each Party with regard to each joint program. Unless otherwise agreed, each Party shall bear its own expenses related to the implementation of the Agreement. All activities undertaken pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to the availability of funds.

ARTICLE 7

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute or difference between the Parties concerning the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

ARTICLE 8

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Any activity carried out pursuant to this Agreement shall be done in accordance with the domestic laws and regulations prevailing in their respective countries. The Government of the Republic of Croatia shall apply this Agreement without prejudice to their obligations as members of the European Union.
ARTICLE 9

ENTRY INTO FORCE AND TERMINATION

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the receipt of the last written notification through diplomatic channels, by which the Parties inform each other of the completion of their internal legal procedures necessary for its entry into force.

2. This Agreement shall remain in force for an initial period of five (5) years and shall be automatically extended for subsequent periods of five (5) years each.

3. This Agreement may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties. Any amendment of the Agreement agreed upon by the Parties, shall enter into force in accordance with the procedure stipulated in Article 9 (1).

4. Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notification to the other Party through diplomatic channels. In such case, the Agreement shall cease to be in force six (6) months after the date of the receipt of such notification by the other Party.

5. The termination of this Agreement will not affect the completion of any activities or programs undertaken prior to the termination of this Agreement unless otherwise agreed upon by the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at Zagreb, on this 13 day of November 2017, which corresponds to the 24 of November 5778 of the Hebrew calendar. In the Croatian, English and Hebrew languages, all being equally authentic. In case of divergences of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

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